

## A MAMMOTH DEPARTMENT STORE!

BASSETT &amp; CO., PROPRIETORS.

Leading Merchants of This Rich Tobacco District—Main Street,  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

In every city, large or small, there are certain firms who are regarded as leaders in their line, and whose influence is felt in all departments of trade, such as to command the respect and admiration of their contemporaries. Among concerns of this character may be conspicuously mentioned the firm of Bassett & Co., of this city. It is one of the grandest illustrations of the wisdom of the cash system, and no further evidence need be sought than the immense patronage enjoyed by this popular firm. Its history has been one of triumph and success since its inauguration in 1887, and is but another eloquent exponent of that great American quality, push, which has strongly characterized this firm and propelled them along the commercial sea! They began business at No. 4, North Main, on a more modest scale, but were forced into larger quarters by the tremendous increase in their custom. In October, 1894, they took possession of their present premises, situated on North Main street. The building is a perfectly-arranged one for such a business as this firm conducts. It is 30 x 110 feet, and has three stories and basement salesroom, all devoted to the transaction of their business and the sale of goods. It is heated throughout by steam, lighted by gas and electricity, and has a private system of water works. The interior of the store is a marvel of neatness and artistic beauty. The fixtures are of the finest natural oak with hard oil finish. The arrangement of the goods throughout the store adds to its attractive appearance. It contains twelve departments, operated on a distinct and separate basis, the accounts of each being kept separately, so that a speedy estimate could be made of the financial condition of the same. The whole store is truly modern, and conducted throughout on the most approved and latest methods, the parcel and cash carrier being by no means the least of the service. It is the most perfect system in existence. Fifteen salesmen are employed who are proficient in the knowledge and details of the departments over which they preside.

The stock of goods is full and comprehensive but space will not permit detail. They handle a great many imported goods as well as those of domestic manufacture. Like all department stores, their stock is designed for the masses, and the best and the cheapest goods can be found there. It is truly a people's store, and it is to the vast majority that a cash store most appeals. Here they expect to find, and do find, the greatest bargains; for the man who can buy for cash can buy more cheaply, and can, in turn, sell for less money. The public know this, hence their volume of trade even in this period of continued depression. The specialties in their line consist of Dry Goods, Men's Furnishings, Shoes and Notions. Each branch is complete in every detail, and it is a representative metropolitan department store. They have an office at 256 Church street, New York, where an experienced buyer is ever on the alert to secure the many bargains found in this Eastern market, and thus enhance their facilities for buying goods. That the public appreciates their efforts is attested by the immense patronage they enjoy in Christian county and the surrounding country. The name of Bassett & Co. is familiar to every one in this great section.

The firm is composed of E. B. Bassett and Geo. P. Walton. The former is a native of Kentucky, and for some years was with the J. M. Robinson, Norton & Cothe, largest wholesale dry goods and notion house of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Walton, of this firm, is still with the above Louisville house, and their familiarity with the wholesale world greatly benefits them in their own line. It was in Louisville that Mr. Bassett, who personally manages the store here, received his business training, and his exceptional business acumen and the successful direction of this mammoth store here, reflects credit upon himself and his early instructors. He is affable and

obliging, while keen and conservative; and the wonderful success which has attended this enterprise is due, almost wholly, to his cleverness as a business man and the fairness of their dealings. Like all representative American merchants he is public-spirited and enterprising, ever ready to attach his name to the list of worthy projectors of a worthy city. He is equally popular socially, and a prominent member of the M. E. Church.

E. W. GLASS.

A Most Reliable and Proficient  
Undertaker, Hopkinsville, Ky.

"Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return!" Divine and awe-inspiring words; but in the midst of life how few heed this solemn warning. The thought of death casts a pall and gloom over even the just man, but much of it is dispelled when in the disposal of our dead we know that the arrangements are in the hands of experienced and competent directors. The work of the undertaker is delicate, indeed, for he fully realizes how the crushed and bleeding hearts of the living look to him for the proper and most tender care of their departed dead. To him falls the last ministrations to all that is mortal of frail humanity.



## PROMINENT JEWELERS.

Graves &amp; Condy, Jewelers, Main Street.

Probably the most attractive store, alike to people of all classes and conditions of life, is the one in which is displayed an array of jewelry, precious stones, watches and other articles of personal adornment. In a city which has reached the importance of Hopkinsville the jewelry trade is a remunerative one, and many dealers are engaged in its sale. Prominent among them may be mentioned the firm of Graves & Condy, who have been in business here for the past three years. The more recent innovations to a city, in any line, is one always equipped with the most modern styles, most modern appliances and most modern business methods. Their stock is new and not mixed up with shop-worn articles.

The firm above are exponents of this class. Their stock is complete, attractive and up to date. Some of the prettiest specimens of jewelry, including diamonds and other gems, sterling silver and plated ware, clocks, bronzes and various articles of bric-a-brac are on exhibition in this attractive store. The goods display taste and judgment in their selection, and all the most recent vagaries of fashion in the jewelry line have been provided by Graves & Condy. They have a most complete watch repairing department, which is under the expert workmanship of Mr. Condy, of the firm, whose knowledge in this line was perfected through his attendance at the Horological School of Toronto, Canada, and he is prepared to repair the most

the wheels are re-nicked and all necessary repairs made to them in the shortest possible time. Wheelmen and cyclists in general can truly value such a boon in their midst, and show their actual appreciation by their custom and patronage. This firm are, also, agents for the popular and leading "Columbia" bicycle—a wheel whose superior merits have won for it such a world-wide reputation as to make comment from us unnecessary. The price of the "Columbia" bicycle has been reduced to \$75. Moss & Co also conduct a renting bicycle agency, which affords the non-possessor of a wheel or visiting tourists, a happy opportunity for a spin along the highway for a moderate consideration. They have a goodly number of second-hand wheels in stock, which they offer at very low figures.

They have a department wherein nickel and silver plating is neatly and reasonably done. They carry a nice line of bronze and polished brass push buttons, and all kinds of gas and electric fixtures.

Mr. E. M. Moss is a native of Hopkinsville, and is generally respected. He was city electrician for five years, and proved himself efficient, painstaking and reliable. He is an affable gentleman and a public-spirited citizen.

## FASHION'S EMPORIUM.

Millinery and Notions—Mrs. Ada Layne, Proprietor.

In every city, town or hamlet Dame Fashion chooses some one place from which to dispense her choicest and latest gifts to fair womankind; and, in Hopkinsville, we find her holding court at the above popular emporium.

Woman has proven, beyond

compose the outfits of the fair sex, and under the head of "notions," we find all that is embodied in that prolific word. In short, the store is complete in all its branches, and its trade extends beyond the city into all adjoining towns; proving the advisability of conducting a business on honorable business methods.

Mrs. Layne is highly esteemed by her townspeople as a representative business woman, a good neighbor and kind friend. She is public-spirited as well, ever ready to do her share to promote the interests of the city in which she lives.

## FOREMOST IN THEIR LINE.

Dagg &amp; Richards, Contractors and Builders.

MODERN EQUIPPED PLANING MILLS  
—A SUCCESSFUL AND HONORABLE CAREER!

In the history and progress of cities, their growth and enlargement of commercial interests, the statistician becomes aware of the fact that the builders and lumber dealers play a most important part in their upbuilding. The operations of the firms, and the magnitude of the stock carried indicate the class of cities which is being developed; and by examining the undertakings, we may judge of the value of the improvements being carried on.

The firm of Dagg & Richards conduct a most extensive business, contracting for all kinds of buildings. In this line, our city contains many fine examples of their work. They have built the leading business blocks, and many beautiful residences in city and country, chief among them

own particular line. The personnel of the firm is made up of Messrs. J. H. Dagg and Virgil Richards. The business is under the most perfected system of management, each department having at its head men whose theoretical knowledge has been supplemented by years of practical experience. They have expert men for the factory work as well as for the supervision of outside building labor, and their work is, in consequence, always brought to a superior standard of excellence. In conclusion, it may be said that this firm enjoys the popularity and success which characterize the naturally energetic and conservative methods of business. They are prepared, at all times, to furnish information to intending builders, either by mail or 'Phone No. 98. Mr. Dagg is a native of Kentucky, and was for ten years with the well-known firm of Forbes Bros. He is an energetic, progressive 19th century business man, and is esteemed by friends and patrons for his worth as a man, in and out of business.

Mr. Richards is a native of Alabama, where he received his early education. He entered the above firm as bookkeeper, and, at the expiration of two years, became a partner in the same. He is a young gentleman of affable and accommodating manners, methodical and enterprising in business, and lends much additional strength to an important firm.

## THE "MAMMOTH" COMPANY.

Clothing and Shoes, J. T. Wall,  
Manager, No. 1, S. Main.

The above eloquent name is very suggestive of the business conducted by the above store which is thus captioned. Though times be good or bad, whether gold or silver rules the land, the doors of clothing and shoe stores ever remain open to the public, for their wants in this direction must be met. The man is, often, if not always, judged by his apparel, and he who presents a neat and inviting appearance will succeed in his search for a living, where a carelessly appointed man would fail. It is an old but trite saying that "nothing succeeds like success," so it behooves a man to look to his attire that he may always bear the semblance, at least, of success. He need not be "tailor-made," but can go to "The Mammoth" Clothing House and secure there the most faultless attire at a price within the reach of all. They carry a complete assortment of high-art clothing, made by the best firms and of the best weavers, and when the purchaser has been fitted properly to one of the Mammoth Co.'s suits, the most experienced eye would fail to detect the difference between it and the product of the most skillful and fashionable tailor. The closest attention has been given by this firm to the selection of their goods, and only first-class quality and style have been here provided.

A necessary adjunct to the clothing trade is a hat and gent's furnishing goods department. Here are to be found the latest blocks of hats in felt and straw, and the taste displayed in the entire department pronounces the firm experienced haberdashers. Then, we come to the shoe branch of the store. No man is well-dressed whose feet are not neatly and stylishly encased, and no where in the city can be found a better selection than "The Mammoth". They buy all their goods at the lowest prices, and give the purchaser the benefit of this gain. They are strictly a one-price house, and conducting as they do, their business on a cash basis, are enabled to sell at closer prices than many of their competitors. Their trade is composed not only Hopkinsville but the farmers from all the surrounding country.

The store stands 24x100 feet, and is located at the corner of 7th and Main streets. It is under the direct management of Mr. J. T. Wall, who has proven himself efficient in every way. He is a product of Trigg Co. Kentucky, but has been a resident of Hopkinsville for 9 years. He has two able assistants in the business, who are expert salesmen. Everything is done to subserve the wants of the patrons and the store has attained a true standard of excellence.

Mr. Wall is popular in all circles is a member of the Knights of Pythias and possessed of great business acumen, a genial disposition, and a public spirit has contributed largely to his cities prosperity and upbuilding.

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and when need is expressed of an embalmer, he must be ready to step in and fill this still more delicate office. The art of embalming is a peculiar branch, requiring superior knowledge and experience, and, in every detail of an undertaker and embalmer's line of work, Mr. E. W. Glass, the subject of our present sketch, is proficient. It is a business requiring a gentlemanly and sympathetic demeanor, and Mr. Glass is the right man in the right place. He is an accomplished director of funerals, and possesses a hearse and all the necessary accessories to a funeral train.

Mr. Glass is a native of Hopkinsville. He was, for a time, a school teacher in his native city, and afterwards engaged in the revenue service as United States Storekeeper for four years. He then entered the undertaking field, and his success has been a signal one. He has served his city's interests as constable for four years, and was a popular deputy under Ex-Sheriff John Boyd. He is, now, Alderman for the Fifth Ward in the City Council. He is popular socially, being a member of United Brothers of Friendship, the Odd Fellows and a member of Benevolent Society. He also edited the Weekly Indicator for twelve months, devoting its columns to the educational, moral and political interests of the colored people. It goes without saying that such a man is a wide-awake public-spirited citizen, ever ready to do his share in all public enterprises of the city.

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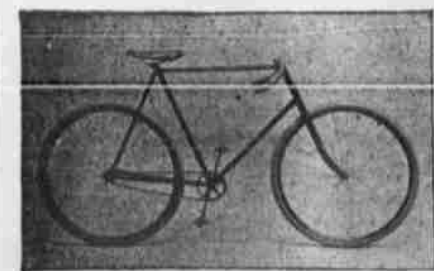
intricate and complicated movements.

Mr. Chas. E. Graves is a native of Christian county. Mr. Condy is a native of Canada and came here five years ago.

Both gentlemen are citizens of worth, very popular in Hopkinsville, and enjoying a large trade throughout the county, of which they are eminently worthy.

BICYCLE HOSPITAL  
AND LIVERY.

E. M. Moss &amp; Co., No 15, Sixth Street.



It is but natural to find, in this fin de siècle age, such a combination as the above institution. With "all the world a wheel," it is but meet that provision should be made for the care and shelter of this equally popular means of travel and locomotion. The territory of the horse was once threatened by the invasion of this wonderful bicycle, whose fame and use is international, and, in many sections, the horse has been almost entirely superseded by this ultra-popular wheel.

E. M. Moss & Co. conduct a first class bicycle hospital, where

the preadventure of a doubt, her ability to instigate and conduct a successful and lucrative business, and, to-day, is a recognized factor in the commercial field, and, here, in this city, we find Mrs. Layne a notable exponent of the success and ability of her sex in this regard.

For six years she has conducted a gratifying business at her present stand, and, before her advent into Hopkinsville, was equally successful in the same line of trade in Fairview, Ky.

An idea of the extent of this lady's business can be conceived from the fact that twelve competent clerks are needed to attend to the wants of her large and constantly increasing patronage. The store is 25 x 80 feet in dimensions, and one floor is utilized by Mrs. Layne. The arrangement of the various articles of millinery and notions add to the attractiveness of this bazaar, and, at once, proclaim it a satisfactory place to trade. Mrs. Layne knows full well the important part a hat plays in the well-dressed lady's toilet, and her selections in millinery as to style and quality are the very best. Two expert trimmers are retained by her, and turn out the most beautiful conceptions in millinery. The hats and bonnets are of the variety of straws; braids, and shapes, which are proclaimed "au fait," by the dictators of fashion, and an infinite assortment of laces, flowers, ribbons and other necessary millinery adjuncts, complete a very extensive stock. In the line of fancy goods are found all that go to make up the specialties which

being the country homes of Mr. Joe Mosley and Mr. Tom Garnett. They are prepared, at all times, to make plans and specifications, as they employ skilled architects, and will make estimates upon all kinds of work. Their planing mill is complete in every respect, possessing all modern appliances that will, in any way, increase the standard of work and promote economy. A full stock of dressed and rough lumber and builder's material, including hardware, paints, oils and glass is carried, and sold at prices that will meet those of any honorable competitor. No misrepresentation of materials is permitted by the management, which accounts, in a measure, for the success of the enterprise. In the planing mills everything in soft and hard lumber that is used in the construction of a building is turned out—lumber of all descriptions manufactured into beveled siding, ceiling flooring, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings and shingles. Everything in oak, ash or pine is made for the interior of buildings, hard wood mantles, desks, etc., inclusive. Their stock of oils and paints is very extensive, and all builders and painter's supplies are at hand for personal use and for sale.

This firm was established in 1889 on a small scale—to-day, they give employment to fifty people. Industry and conscientious work has characterized their transactions from the first, and to-day their name is a synonym for fairness and honesty. Their workmen are always selected with a view to their expertness and reliability in their